

### NRCS-EQIP Stream Restoration Projects

- **What:** Stream restoration projects conducted on agricultural or owners of non-industrial private forestland forest production land.
- **Federal Eligible Applicants:** “Owners of land in agricultural or forest production or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land and that have a natural resource concern on that land.”
- **DEQ Eligible Applicants:** County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). Per [SL 2017-57](#), Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Resource Institute can be co-applicants with SWCDs.
- **Eligible Projects:** Projects which have been approved by NRCS for federal funding.
- **Cost Share:** 65% Federal (NRCS), 35% Non-Federal (DEQ). Eligible projects can receive up to 100% funding of the 35% non-Federal cost by DEQ.

### DWR Water Resources Development Grant

- ☐ **DEQ Authority:** NCDEQ is authorized to provide grants to local governments for stream restoration projects under the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program ([NRCS-EQIP](#)) by General Statutes [143-215.70-.73](#) and Session Law [2017-57](#).  
NOTE: NRCS-EQIP projects are one of seven eligible categories of water resource projects statewide.
- ☐ **Pre-Application Site Visits:** conducted by DWR Grant Manager (GM)/staff for all applications/potential projects.
- ☐ **Application Process**
  - Applications are received throughout the year for two standard grant cycles:
    - Spring Application Cycle: Jan 1 – June 30 > Review Decisions: ~ October
    - Fall Application Cycle: July 1 – Dec 31 > Review Decisions: ~ April
  - Note: Review notifications have been delayed for past year because of several legislative changes that have directly affected DEQ contracting.
- ☐ **Application Review**
  - DWR GM and DEQ Review Team conduct reviews based on statutory evaluation criteria.
  - § 143-215.72.: "The Secretary shall receive and review applications for the grants specified in this Part and approve, approve in part, or disapprove such applications."
- ☐ **Projects Recommended For Funding:** SWCD/NGO enter into 2-year grant contract with DEQ. Disbursement of grant funds on a reimbursement basis.
- ☐ **Project Close-Out**
  - Grantee schedules site visit with DWR GM.
  - Actual total reimbursement amount calculated from the NRCS Practice Approval & Payment Form ([NRCS-CPA 1245](#)) Used to calculate actual DWR total reimbursement amount not to exceed the grant award amount.
  - Final 10% of the DEQ share of non-federal cost disbursed after project is inspected and accepted (close out visit), DWR reviews accounting statements and DWR makes payment request to DEQ.